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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of MANSMANN)
Serial No. 09/544,341) Examiner: D.J. Isabella
Filed April 6, 2000) Art Unit 3738

Title: SEMI-PERMEABLE MEMBRANES TO ASSIST IN CARTILAGE REPAIR

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SECOND RESPONSE

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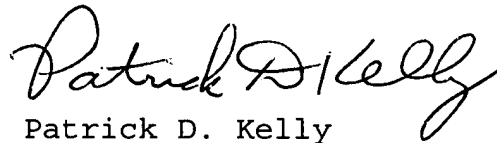
This claims in Attachment 1 are being submitted in response to an Office Action dated March 9, 2006. A petition for a two-month extension of time is enclosed, along with a check for the extension fee.

The March 2006 Office Action asserted that a set of previously amended claims 14-23 were directed to a non-elected invention (i.e., a surgical implant device), rather than to a membrane segment as originally claimed. Accordingly, a set of revised claims 24-32 is hereby enclosed, in Attachment 1, and the Examiner is hereby requested to cancel all prio claims and enter

new claims 24-32 into the record of this application.

The current claim set contains 3 independent claims and 9 total claims, so no additional fee is due for excess claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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